NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
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CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

NOON BALLOON

The Noon Balloon for March 21, 1995, was given by **Dr. John Terrell,** Curator, Department of Anthropology. John's long term research program is focused on the evolution of peoples of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. He reviewed the general perception that humans were late arrivals to the oceanic islands, and that the isolation of these island populations led to their rapid diversification. For example, more than 1,600 different languages are used today by the peoples of the Pacific. John reviewed joint research begun in 1987 with **Dr. Robert Welsch**, Adjunct Associate Curator, Department of Anthropology, to assess utilization and trading patterns among populations of the Sepik coast of northern New Guinea. Their initial work drew upon the museum's major collections acquired and documented by A.B. Lewis during 1909-1913. During their field work in a 150 mile reach of the coastal Sepik region in 1993, 1994, Terrell and Welsch found the trading networks to be extremely complex, despite the potential linguistic barrier of more than 55 different languages being used. These complex trading patterns function by virtue of equally complex relationships established as inherited friendships which exist without any external foci or centralized control. This previously unrecognized matrix now calls into question traditional perceptions of the triumverate relationship of language to culture to biology. Recent excavations provide documentation of human activity in New Guinea that is contemporaneous with the earliest humans in Australia. John developed a very strong case for the need to reassess most assumptions of human evolution in the Pacific. He is hopeful new collaborative studies with **Dr. Pamela Stuart,** Research Associate, and **Dr. Mary Ashley,** Research Associate and Assistant Professor University of Illinois at Chicago, to assess human genetic diversity in New Guinea may bring additional data to bear on these questions.

NEW GUINEA RESEARCH SEMINAR --

MOLECULAR GENETICS IN THE PACIFIC:
INTERNAL STRUCTURE ANALYSIS OF HUMAN ALPHA-GLOBIN VNTR ALLELES

by Dr. Jeremy J. Martinson

of the Medical Research Council, Institute for Molecular Medicine, Oxford University, UK, and New Guinea Research Program, The Field Museum

March 29, 1995 in the Zoology Classroom at *10:00 a.m.*

CEEB continued ...

BIELER OFF TO BRAZIL

Rüdiger Bieler (Botany) is spending this week in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Following an invitation by the administrator of the University of Sao Paulo (the largest of Brazil's universities) Rüdiger will serve as external reviewer to assess research and teaching programs of their Department of Zoology.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI FUNGAL COLLECTION TRANSFERRED TO FIELD MUSEUM

Gregg Mueller (Botany) and **Betty Strack** (Botany) just returned from the University of Missouri at Columbia driving a 26-foot U-Haul truck loaded with the 23,000-specimen fungal herbarium of the University's Department of Plant Pathology. The herbarium is on permanent loan to The Field Museum. The collection consists of both European and midwestern North American material, with most specimens collected between 1880 and 1945. While at Columbia, Gregg also gave an invited seminar to the Department of Plant Pathology on conservation of macrofungi.

HOPES HIGH FOR FROGS FROM VIETNAM

The renowned herpetologists, Dr. Ilya Darevsky, member of the Russian Academy of Sciences and head of the section of Herpetology and Ornithology of the Zoological Institute of Saint Petersburg, spent this week visiting The Field Museum. The purpose of his visit was to prepare for a collaborative collecting effort in Vietnam. He and Dr. Nikolai Orlov, also from the Russian Academy are collaborating with **Bob Inger** (Curator Emeritus, Zoology) and **Harold Voris** (Zoology) in an effort to collect amphibians and reptiles in a remote part of Vietnam near the border with Laos. Inger and Voris expect the collection will be highly complimentary to the Museum's other holdings from mainland southeast Asia and Borneo and they anticipate important new records.

CONGRATULATIONS TO *RUTH ANDRIS!*

Ruth will be showing a collection of her large paintings in a show titled *Serenade to the Whales, the Sea, the Stars* at the Ceres Gallery in New York from March 28 - April 22, 1995. The show's brochure quotes Carl Sagan's Cosmos, "Bound for the stars, the Voyager spacecraft carries (among other information about us) recordings of the songs of the humpback whales, and exquisite music from many cultures -- some of it expressing our cosmic loneliness ..." Ruth says, "These paintings are my Love Song to the Cosmos ..."

EXPANDED PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM AT THE FIELD MUSEUM!

Beginning today, Friday, March 24th, many more kinds of paper will be recyclable (newspaper? catalogs? phone books? YES!!). In addition, our flattened cardboard boxes will be rescued from the garbage and will be recycled.

PAPER RECYCLING

Paper recycling will go through four major changes:

1. More kinds of paper will now be acceptable for recycling.
2. The cloth recycling gurneys have been replaced with kelly green plastic totes with lids.
3. Full totes will be picked up on Thursday mornings, every week.
4. Recycling Committee representatives will be responsible for making sure the full tote from their area gets down to Shipping by pickup day. This will no longer be Housekeeping's responsibility.

The names of the Recycling Committee representatives, the areas they are responsible for and the tote locations are as follows:

GROUND FLOOR --

Tote location: in ice machine closet near check cashing window
Paul Baker (Administration, Fishes, Reptiles & Amphibians)
Tote location: in Education xerox room
John Wagner (Education, A-V, Harris)
Tote location: in Print Shop
James Atkinson (Printing, Housekeeping, Mail Room, Picnic/ McDonald's/Kitchen)

1ST FLOOR --

Tote location: in Membership Office
Carolyn Moon & Norris Smith (Visitor Services, Women's Board/Tours, Membership, Gift Shop)

2ND FLOOR --

Tote location: in Computing Room
Peter Lowther (Computing)

3RD FLOOR --

Tote location: in hallway between Geology and Botany Department offices
Mark Alvey (Geology, Botany, Library, Photography)
Tote location: near freight elevator
Janice Klein (Anthropology, Museum Affairs, Academic Affairs, Zoology, Bindery)

4TH FLOOR --

Tote location: east end of Mike's Motel
Gene Dillenberg (North end offices, Scientific Illustration)
Tote location: near freight elevator
Mike Paha (South end offices, Lounge)

Totes will be signed out in Shipping and checked back in when they are returned full. If an empty tote is available in Shipping, it can be checked out and used as a replacement for the full tote.

A list to keep and post...

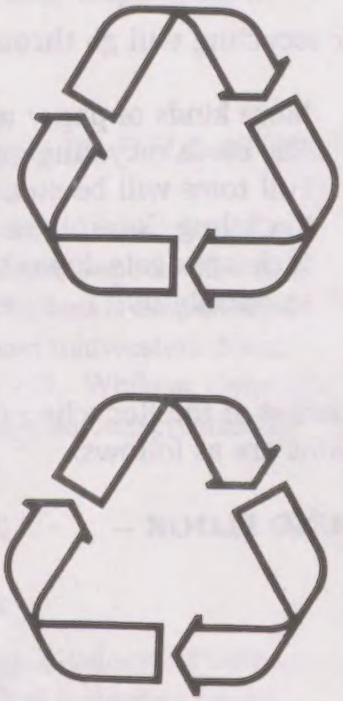
Papers that are acceptable and not acceptable under the new program are:

YES

white and colored bond paper/copy paper
letterheads
computer paper
NCR forms
stationery, tablet sheets
data tab cards
file folders
catalogs
envelopes (plastic windows OK)
magazines
newspaper
fax paper
phone books
ream wrappers
books
staples, paper clips, rubber bands are OK

NO!!!

tissue paper, paper towels, napkins
food contaminated paper
plastic
cardboard (to be recycled separately)
hanging file folders
plastic overheads
photographs
carbon paper
plates, cups
brown bags



NOTE: Please leave large quantities of obsolete material (brochures, files, records) in boxes for pick-up.

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Cardboard boxes will be removed by Housekeeping after they have been discarded according to the protocol previously described in Natural News. To refresh everyone's memories...

1. **Design and Production** to continue to break down and discard all boxes in accordance with current procedures.
2. **McDonald's, Picnic in the Field,** and the **Kitchen** to continue to break down and discard all boxes in accordance with current procedures.
3. **Stores/Vending** shall break down all boxes and place them in the large grey self-dumping hopper marked "cut-down cardboard boxes only", located in Shipping.
4. **All outside contractors** are to follow the appropriate procedures for the discarding of all empty boxes/garbage. Responsibility rests with each host department/division to ensure compliance.
5. **All other departments** are required to breakdown their boxes and call Housekeeping for pickup.

Boxes must have packing materials removed. *At no time* are any empty boxes to be left in Shipping without following proper procedures.

April 1995

Museum-Wide Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:00am-4:00pm ED Green & Growing, SFH, LH1&2, CR1,2&3 6:00pm-12:00am SE Andersen Consulting, SFH/Bal 600
2 9:00am-4:00pm ED Green & Growing, SFH, LH1&2, CR1, 2&3	**3** 9:00am-4:00pm ED Green & Growing, SFH, LH1&2, CR1,2&3 7:00-10:30pm SE Chgo Hang Gliding, LHI	**4** 6:30-10:30pm SE Motorola, SFH 70	**5**	**6** 5:30-8:00pm DEV Chicago Museum Exhibitors Group, LH2	**7** 5:45pm-9:00am ED Overnight	**8**
9	**10** 9:00am-1:00pm SE New Trier/Harper H.S., LHI 149 3:00-5:00pm Exhibits Staff Meeting, Maori House	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14** Good Friday	**15** Passover
16 Easter	**17**	**18** 6:00-10:00pm SE Zeneca, SFH 350	**19**	**20** 6:30-9:30pm SE III. Education Service Center Six, SFH 200	**21** 8:00pm-12:00am SE Chicago Kent College of Law, SFH/Bal 300 Earth Day	**22** 1:30pm ED Earth Day Lect. N. Myers/H. Henderson; JST 6:00-10:00pm SE Searle, SFH 250
23 7:00pm-10:00am SE Am.Society of Neuralradiology, SFH/Bal 1200	**24**	**25** 6:00-10:00pm DEV Stewardship Dinner, Founder's Rm	**26**	**27** 6:00-10:00pm SE Hagger Byee, Rice	**28** 6:30-11:30pm SE III. Conservation Pk & Rec. SFH/Bal 350 8:00-12:30pm New Staff & Vol. Orientation, LH2	**29** 1:00pm ED Hannibal Peterson - "African Portraits" Perf. 6:00-11:00pm SE Prairie St. College Foundation, SFH, Bal 350
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3/22/1995

"BOOK-ABLE" SPACES IN FIELD MUSEUM
1/6/95

SPACE	LOC	MAX	USE	SCHEDULE BY	CONTACT	EXT.	
Classroom 1	GF	50	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 2	GF	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 3	GF	30	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Classroom 4	2nd	40	I P	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Conf. Room 1	GF	20	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
Dining Room A	GF	16	I	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
Dining Room B	GF	4	I S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
Dining Room C	GF	6	I S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
Dining Room C/D	GF	20	I S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
Dining Room D	GF	12	I S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
Dining Room E	GF	75	I P S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
D&P Conf. Room	4th	10	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Educ. Conf. Room	GF	14	I S	Education	Clara Aytch-Baker	247	
Developers Conf. Rm.	4th	8	I	Exhibits	Jessica Newman	329	
Founder's Room	1st	100	I S	Tours	Dorothy Roder	862	Restricted use
Montgomery Ward H.	GF	150	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Lecture Hall II	GF	75	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic East (Sch)	GF	320	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Picnic West (Pub)	GF	125	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Rice Center	1st		P S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
Simpson Theatre	GF	1000	I P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Zoology Clrm.	3rd	50	I	Zoology	Norann Miller	255	
Webber Resource	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Maori Meeting House	2nd	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Pawnee Earth Lodge	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Place for Wonder	1st	35	P S	Education	Bob Cantu	353	
Stanley Field Hall	1st	35	I P S	Spec. Events	Secretary	864	
EXHIBIT HALL: Permanent Exhibits			P S	Public Serv.	Gene Dillenburg	636	
EXHIBIT HALLS: Special Exhibits			P S	Prog. Dev.	Carrie Hageman	488	

I = Internal (meetings, etc.)
P = Public (Programs, Classes, etc.)
S = Special Events

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March 2, 1995

Dr. Willard Boyd
President
The Field Musuem of Natural History
East Roosevelt Road and Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, IL 60605

Dear Dr. Boyd:

Many lives are brighter today because of the tremendous generosity of the employees and staff of The Field Museum. This year's campaign showed a 3% increase in overall contributions from last year. In addition, per capita giving rose from $24.92 to $26.98 and this was inspite of a slight decline in the number of employees.

A small token of this accomplishment is the United Way Special Thanks Award. A Leadership citation was also given to Rodger Patience in recognition of his efforts. I am grateful to have had the benefit of working with him and being motivated by his enthusiasm.

Thank you, too, for your support of our efforts at The Field Museum. You are a leader who has shown that each of us can and should try to make the world a better place. Your actions prove how very much Caring counts!

Sincerely,

Kimberlee Herold

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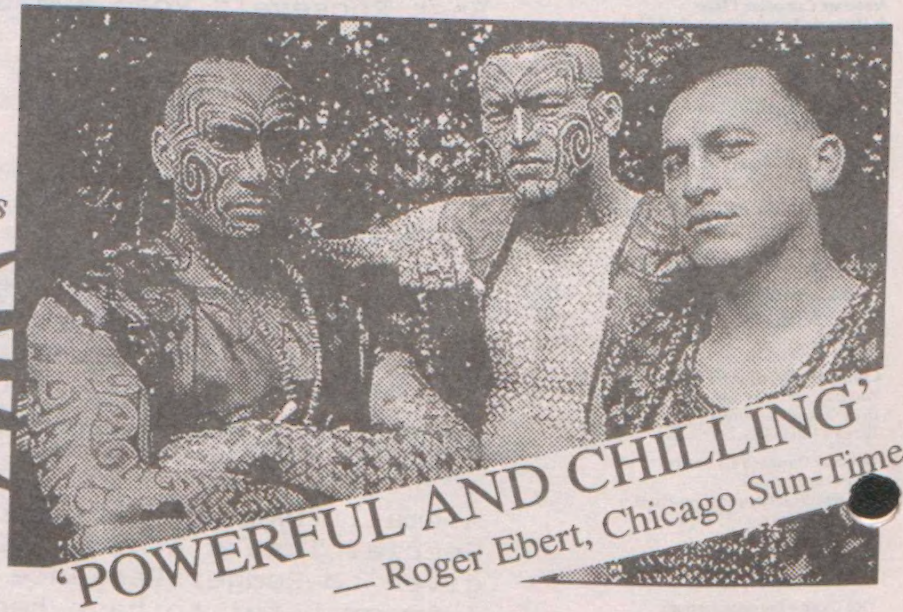
— Janet Maslin, New York Times

'STUNNING'
— Richard Corliss, Time Magazine



'POWERFUL AND CHILLING'
— Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times

A harrowing view of New Zealand's indigenous people 200 years after the English conquest. *Once Were Warriors* tells the story of Beth Heke, a Maori woman struggling to keep her family from falling apart despite the squalor and violence of the urban ghetto in which they live. Conveying both the rich textures of Maori tradition and the wounds left by its absence, *Once Were Warriors* is a masterpiece of unblinking realism, irresistible energy, and great sorrow.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

5:30 P.M.

FINE ARTS THEATRE

418 S. MICHIGAN AV.

There will be a brief introductory presentation by Mary Ann Bloom, Department of Education.

This special screening is free of charge to Field Museum staff and volunteers and their guests, but passes are required. Pick up your passes from the Personnel office.

SEATING LIMITED TO 200

This film is rated **R** (profanity, violence, and portrayal of substance abuse)